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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re continuation application of:

FOSSHEIM et al.

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Continuation of PCT/GB99/01100

This application filed: October 6, 2000

For: Use of Particulate Contrast Agents in Diagnostic Imaging for Studying  
Physiological Parameters

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert as the first sentence [ -This application is a continuation of  
PCT/GB99/01100, filed April 9, 1999 (of which the entire disclosure of the pending, prior  
application is hereby incorporated by reference), which itself is a continuation-in-part  
of application number 60/119,808, filed February 12, 1999. - -

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure to the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 4, line 1, please cancel "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert - -claim 1- -.